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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 149

Introduced by Assembly Member Pan

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May 1, 2012

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 149—Relative to Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 149, as amended, Pan. Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

This measure would recognize May 2012 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The earliest Asian Americans immigrated to the
2 United States in the 1800s; and

3 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have played
4 a critical role in the social, economic, and political development
5 of California throughout its history; and

6 WHEREAS, The 5.5 million Asian and Pacific Islander
7 Americans in California are one of the fastest growing ethnic
8 populations in the state; and

9 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans represent
10 over 15.5 percent of California's population and represent
11 ancestries that include, but are not limited to, Asian Indian,
12 Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Burmese, Cambodian, Chamorro,
13 Chinese, Taiwanese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Iwo
14 Jiman, Guamanian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian,
15 Maldivian, Mongolian, Nepalese, Native Hawaiian, Vietnamese,
16 Okinawan, Pakistani, Samoan, Singaporean, Sri Lankan, Thai,
17 Tongan, and other Pacific Islander; and

18 WHEREAS, The California Commission on Asian and Pacific
19 Islander American Affairs was established in 2004 and is charged
20 with advising the Governor, the Legislature, and state agencies on
21 issues relating to the social and economic development, rights,
22 and interests of the Asian and Pacific Islander American
23 communities; and

24 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American entrepreneurs
25 have led many of California's businesses to the pinnacle of their
26 respective industries; and

27 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American communities
28 throughout California actively promote their cultural heritage and
29 promote cross-cultural understanding; and

30 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans will continue
31 to be an important part of California's diverse tapestry of cultures
32 and ideas; and

33 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have
34 contributed greatly to California's economic success, rural growth,
35 and urban development; and

36 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to
37 cultivate and advance the fields of the arts and humanities,
38 business, education, information technology, law, public safety,
39 science, sports, and the environment; and

1 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American refugees have
2 revitalized many of California's communities, while bringing in
3 new ideas and economic opportunities; and

4 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American immigrants
5 and refugees had to overcome tremendous odds and cultural
6 barriers to establish a better life for their families; and

7 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have a proud
8 legacy of service and dedication to the state and to the United
9 States; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
11 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature commends Asian and
12 Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and
13 outstanding service to the state, and recognizes the month of May
14 2012 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month; and
15 be it further

16 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
17 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.